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Subject: RE: virtual public hearings for FL assumption

Thanks Brandi, I just sent a meeting invitation for tomorrow morning. Here's a quick response to some of your questions, and we'll cover the rest tomorrow.

- In addition to the FR notice, we sent an email to 700+ interested parties last week, posted a pre-publication version of the signed FR on our website, and we'll be publishing a notice in 4 FL newspapers tomorrow (Orlando Sentinel, Miami Herald, Palm Beach Post, Tallahassee Democrat). We're also publishing a notice in a 5th newspaper (Tampa Bay Times), but it's not certain whether they will be able to post it tomorrow, or whether it will be delayed to Sunday (they publish twice/week).
- All comments made during the hearing, by elected officials or any other members of the public, will be part of the record.
- We're relying heavily on contractor support for the public hearings, and Kelly or Rosemary can provide the specifics.

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Thanks Tom. How are you all planning to host the virtual mtgs (i.e., what platform, etc)? Is this something the contractor is doing for you? I would like to make sure we come up with a process on how to identify elected officials and press. Have you all decided how you're going to handle comments from elected officials? Will you have someone providing transcript services and submitting the comments to the record?

Also, have you thought of any other ways to notify @ the mtgs or did you just want stick to the FR?

These are just a few questions off the top of my head.

Maybe a quick 15 minute chat with all of us would be helpful.

Thanks,
Brandi

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Good morning Brandi – We just received word that tomorrow the Federal Register publish our notice and solicitation of comments on Florida assumption. The notice also will announce two virtual public hearings that EPA will host on

October 21 and October 27. Below is a summary that will be posted on the R4 website tomorrow concurrent with the FR publication. We are receiving contractor support to conduct the public hearings, and we also want to make sure we're working in coordination with your office. If you have any questions or wish to discuss in the meantime please let us know. Thanks, Tom (404-821-9067)

Notice of Florida's Request to Assume Administration of a Clean Water Act Section 404 Program

On August 20, 2020, EPA Region 4 received a package from the State of Florida requesting to assume administration of a Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 404 program per the provisions of CWA Section 404(g)(1). The EPA is providing notice in the Federal Register that it has received a complete package at www.regulations.gov, Docket No. EPA-HQ-OW-2018-0640, FRL-10014-54-Region 4. The notice: (1) solicits public review and comment on the State program during a 45-day period that ends on October 31, 2020; (2) announces two public hearings that will be held respectively on October 21, and 27, 2020; and (3) solicits public review and comment regarding consultation under the National Historic Preservation Act. To participate in one/both of the public hearings, please register at: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4295139229196503819>.